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GTMO residents air concerns at town hall

By JO1 April Gorenflo
JTF-160 Joint Information
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GUANTANAMO BAY NAVAL STATION, Cuba — Prior to Joint Task Force 160 arriving at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, there were only about 2,400 permanent residents. More than 1,500 JTF service members have arrived over the last six weeks in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. The JTF is providing security for Taliban

and al Qa'ida detainees here at Camp X-Ray. Inevitably, there are issues arising from a greater than 50 percent population increase. In order to handle these issues before they become major problems, Marine Corps Brig. Gen. Michael Lehnert, JTF commander, Capt. Robert Buehn, Commanding Officer, US Naval Base Guantanamo Bay,

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Cuba, and Capt. Al Shimkus, Commanding Officer, naval hospital, held a town hall meeting Feb. 4 at the base's outdoor movie theater. Guantanamo Bay residents and deployed JTF service members were availed the opportunity to air their concerns to the base leadership and dialogue with one another.

Before addressing questions and concerns, Lehnert made a point to thank Guantanamo Bay residents for their hospitality.

"I'm speaking for every soldier, sailor, airman, Marine and Coast Guardsman



Photo courtesy of JTF-160 Joint Information Bureau
JTF Commander, Marine Corps Brig. Gen. Michael Lehnert, addresses Guantanamo residents during a town meeting Feb. 4.

that came down here with me," he began. "The word I'm getting from the troops is the surprise and gratifi-

cation and the support they're getting from Guantanamo. From the bottom of my heart, I'd like

to thank you."

The biggest concern most family members share is the fear they will be forced to leave the island for security reasons. This occurred during "Operation Sea Signal," the Haitian and Cuban migrant crisis in 1995. Lehnert addressed that right away. He said the logistical and security concerns are much different in this case.

"You are a civilizing influence," he said, drawing a laugh from many of the family members in attendance. "I'm going to be the biggest cheerleader for keeping Team GTMO and the community just the

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way it is.”

Another concern many residents expressed was about infectious diseases that may be carried by the detainees. Shimkus said the biggest medical concerns were malaria and tuberculosis.

“We have a robust screening process,” Shimkus said. “There are no TB cases at X-Ray. Two detainees have malaria, but we are treating them aggressively so they won’t be infectious.”



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It’s something everyone should be proud of.”

JTF Commander,
Marine Corps Brig. Gen.
Michael Lehnert

Photo courtesy of JTF-160 Joint Information Bureau

Another safety concern was the possibility that Guantanamo Bay could become a terrorist target. One resident asked what was being done to prevent that. “I’m not going to kid you and say this isn’t a security issue,”

answered Lehnert. “It’s not like we’re guarding Boy Scouts. But the security force is brought in to make sure we don’t put our family members at risk.” The JTF commander did not elaborate on specific measures, for reasons of operational security.

After the safety issues were addressed, many residents brought up practical concerns. Traffic was a hot topic of conversation.

“We’re going to keep the neighborhoods for residential traffic,” Buehn assured the families.

“We’re emphasizing all those things and working on it. It’s just going to take a little time to work the bugs out.”

The town hall meeting concluded with grateful appreciation from Lehnert. “I’d just like to thank you,” he said. “It’s remarkable what a community can do. It’s something everyone should be proud of.”

Buehn echoed that sentiment. “It’s going well right now, all I can say is thanks. You’re all patriots and you’re doing your part for your country.”

Crowning achievement

Command names top NCOs

By JO1 Ray Sarracino
USSOUTHCOM Public Affairs

MIAMI — Two J2 NCOs were recognized Jan. 25 by USSOUTHCOM as Junior and Senior Enlisted persons of the year for 2001.

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Nichole Solberg won in the junior NCO category and Army SSgt. Wendy Rabias won in the senior NCO category.

The board met Jan. 25 and was chaired by Navy Senior Chief Elizabeth Pereira and four other NCOs representing all services. Other members included: Marine Corps Mas-

ter Gunnery Sergeant Valentino Sanchez, Army Sergeant First Class Charles Young, and Air Force members Senior Master Sergeant Danielle Pease and Chief Master Sergeant William Hoermann. Air Force Staff Sergeant Bridget Plifka served as writer for the board.

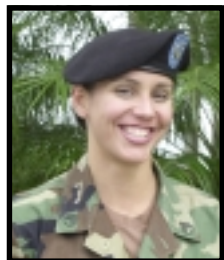
The winners of the annual contest were culled from the NCO of the quarter awardees throughout 2001. The contestants

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Army Staff Sergeant Wendy Rabias (left) and Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Nichole Solberg, winners of the top NCO honors for 2001.

Photos by Petty Officer 1st Class Ray Sarracino



Army Sgt. Wendy Rabias is the U.S. Southern Command's Senior NCO of the Year for 2001.

Quick facts about the winner:

Years of service: 5

Hometown: Lebanon, Penn.

How did you learn you won:
"The board."

Who did you tell first?:

"My mom."

What was the toughest part of the competition?:

"Studying through Christmas."

What challenges face the winner? "Finding new challenges to satisfy my desire to be the best I can be."

Favorite perk: "The parking spot!"

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were judged on a criteria of military appearance, communication skills, and a variety of joint-service related questions.

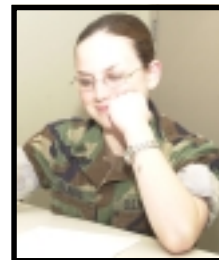
Solberg, an intelligence specialist from Vermillion, SD has been in the Navy for two-and-a-half years. She worked hard to prepare for the competition, spending many hours studying for the board. When asked how she felt about the event she said: "There's a ton of pressure on you." It appears that all of her hard work paid off handsomely.

Rabias, an intelligence specialist from Lebanon,

Penn. expressed relief at her selection in the senior NCO category: "I was worried about letting down my directorate. This is the first time that J2 has won both NCO of the quarter and NCO of the year. I wanted to make sure that we set the standard and let everyone know that J2 is on top."

As well as winning the command senior NCO honors, Rabias recently learned that she has been selected for Officer Candidate School.

Every NCO in the command is eligible for the honor. In order to be considered they must first be nominated by their directorate.



Navy Petty Officer Nichole Solberg is the U.S. Southern Command's Junior NCO of the Year for 2001.

Quick facts about the winner:

Years of service: 2 1/2

Hometown: Vermillion, SD.

How did you learn you won:
"The board."

Who did you tell first?:

"My dad."

What was the toughest part of the competition?:

"Competing against the other quarterly board winners."

What challenges face the winner? "Continue to set a good example for my peers."

Favorite perk: "The parking spot!"



Top Guardsman retires

Army Maj. Gen. Gary D. Speer (Right), U.S. Southern Command acting commander in chief, presents the Legion of Merit to Col. Eddie Santana, the command's senior National Guard advisor, during a retirement ceremony Jan. 28 at the Thurman Building. Santana, who began his military career 32 years ago, was joined at the ceremony by his wife Rosie and children Eric, Monica, Jennifer and Vanessa.

During his long and distinguished career, Santana also served as an aircraft mechanic and infantry soldier, before attending Officer Candidate School and earning his commission. (Photo by Army Sgt. Lucy J. Pabon)



Photo by Air Force Master Sgt. Lee Roberts
Julia J. Ramos, seen here at the command's holiday party in December, passed away Jan. 28 at Baptist Memorial Hospital in Miami.

Command remembers Ramos' selflessness, contagious enthusiasm

MIAMI -- Julia Ramos passed away Jan. 28 at Baptist Memorial Hospital from complications resulting from her fight with Leukemia.

The command held a memorial service in her memory at the Thurman Building Feb. 4.

The ceremony featured a prayer of consolation by Air Force Chaplain Maj. William Chambers, followed by personal testimonials by Army

Staff Sgt. Samuel Taylor, Cheri Hunter and Luisa Carballedo. Then Staff Sgt. Lilliam Quinones lead a scripture reading, followed by Amelia Sweeney's rendition of "Amazing Grace."

The service culminated with a memorial meditation by Air Force Chaplain Col. Emilio Chaviano.

Ramos, 49, was recognized for her professionalism and

wonderful human spirit... "a dear wife, mother and friend."

Ramos served in the Army Signal Activity as a telecommunications specialist at the U.S. Southern Command.

She also gave selflessly as an equal opportunity counselor and had contagious enthusiasm, often inspiring others to give their absolute best.

Ramos is survived by husband Jorge Ramos-Perez, J-2 Intelligence Directorate; son Jorge Jr.; daughters Coraly and Claudia.

Budget request funds war on terror, military transformation

By Jim Garamone

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4, 2002 — President Bush is asking for a fiscal 2003 defense budget of \$379.4 billion, an increase of \$48 billion over the fiscal 2002 budget.

The request funds the war on terrorism, increases DoD funds spent on homeland security and begins financing transformation for the U.S. military to face the challenges of the 21st century. The DoD budget is



President Bush submitted his budget request Feb. 4. He asked for a fiscal 2003 defense budget of 379.4 billion, an increase of \$48 billion over the fiscal 2002 budget.

16.9 percent of the total federal budget request.

Operations and main-

tenance funds — key indicators of readiness — also rise. Money for flying hours, Army operations tempo, ship steaming days, depot maintenance and training are all up. Total O&M spending is set at \$150.4 billion.

Active duty end strength is set at 1,389,700 service members. Reserve component end strength is set at 864,600. Military personnel would receive a 4.1 percent pay raise if Congress approves the request. Civilian workers are slated for a 2.6 percent raise.

Under the proposal, the Army would receive \$90.9 billion; the Navy and Marine Corps, \$108.3 billion; and the Air Force, \$107 bil-

lion. The request pegs defensewide spending at \$52.9 billion. The Defense Emergency Response Fund is set at \$20.1 billion.

A senior defense official said the budget would allow the U.S. military to continue the war on terrorism. All told, money for the war is set at \$27.2 billion in fiscal 2003. A total of \$10 billion is allocated to help DoD plan for whatever phase of the war on terrorism comes next. “We don’t know what we will be doing in a year, but we know we will be involved in the war,” the official said.

DoD estimates the current cost of the war in Af-

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ghanistan at around \$8 billion.

The money also goes to increasing protection of the United States. More than \$1.2 billion is set for continued combat air patrols over the United States and \$3 billion is earmarked for counterterrorism, force protection and other homeland security needs.

Quality of life accounts for military personnel have been beefed up. Besides the pay raise, the Bush administration



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also seeks another targeted pay raise for mid-career officer and enlisted force that would increase pay for some ranks by

another 2 percent.

The Basic Allowance for Housing program would continue to cut military members' out-of-pocket

housing expenses — from 11.3 percent now down to 7.5 percent in fiscal 2003.

The request would fully fund military healthcare including the TRICARE for Life program for military retirees over age 65. The budget anticipates pharmacy costs growing by 15 percent, managed care support contracts by 12 percent and military treatment facilities, 6.2 percent. All told, healthcare costs are pegged at \$22.1 billion in fiscal 2003.

Defense planners also asked for \$4.2 billion to improve

military housing, including money to expand the military housing privatization fund. This would put the department on track to eliminate most inadequate housing by fiscal 2007 instead of fiscal 2010.

While family housing funds have gone up, military construction monies have dropped from \$6.5 billion in fiscal 2002 to \$4.8 billion in 2003. While some quality of life construction will continue — most notably

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46 new barracks, childcare centers and physical fitness facilities — most of the money will go to sustain existing facilities.

The reason for the construction cut is the next round of base closures is set for fiscal 2005. In the meantime, DoD must maintain its bases and cannot “pre-select” the ones it thinks are likely to be closed. Rather than risk building new facilities on basess that may be closed, DoD officials chose to delay as many projects as possible until after the closure decisions in 2005.

In announcing the fiscal 2002 budget last year, Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld said the 2003 budget would introduce major transformation trends.

He said in a Jan. 31 speech to Na-

A total of \$961 million of the budget would initiate development of the DD(X) surface warfare ship, a test bed for future Navy systems. In the 2003 budget, the U.S. Navy plans to insert and test new stealth and propulsion technologies in the DD(X) and to test new manning programs.

tional Defense University students that the United States cannot afford to fight the war on terrorism and ignore the force of the future.

The request supports converting four Trident submarines to cruise missile carriers. It also seeks to capitalize on U.S. asymmetric advantages in developing new classes of satellites — including a space-based radar — and improving existing capabilities and hardening them against attack.

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opment of the DD(X) surface warfare ship, a test bed for future Navy systems, a senior defense official said. Plans are to insert and test new stealth and propulsion technologies in the DD(X) and to test new manning programs. The budget request asks for \$961 million for this effort.

Unmanned vehicles are also transformational. The department wants to spend \$1 billion to go to procurement and research of unmanned aerial vehicles.

DoD wants to spend \$154.1 million to buy and arm 22 Air Force Predator UAVs in fiscal 2003. The Air Force has also allocated \$170.8 million for three Global Hawk UAVs. There is another \$100.7 million set aside to buy 12 Army Shadow UAVs.

In addition, DoD would accelerate funding of Global Hawk research

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and the Navy's Fire Scout UAV. The request also accelerates research in unmanned combat aerial vehicles. "These UCAVs are not just UAVs with weapons added," said the official. "They are combat airplanes built from the ground up, just without pilots." The request also increased funding for unmanned underwater vehicles.

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to reduce offensive nuclear warheads from 6,000 to between 1,700 and 2,200. The new Triad is the scaled-down nuclear deterrent, a more deadly and responsive conventional deterrent, and missile defense.

Procurement reaches a new high with this budget, in the realm of funding of-

officials believe is needed to transform the force. The overall procurement budget is set at about \$72 billion. The Army is set for \$13.8 billion, the Navy/Marine Corps for \$24.9 billion, the Air Force at \$27.3 billion, and \$2.8 billion for defensewide buys. There is also \$3.2 billion in the De-

fense Emergency Response Fund.

The budget for research, development, testing and evaluation is set for \$53.9 billion in fiscal 2003, up from \$48.4 billion this year. This would continue development of the Joint Strike Fighter and accelerate special operations capability. It also funds the restructured V-22 Osprey program.

Science and technology funding rose a billion dollars in this request to \$9.9 billion, or 2.7 percent of the DoD budget topline. The money would fund Army research in future combat systems, medical technol-

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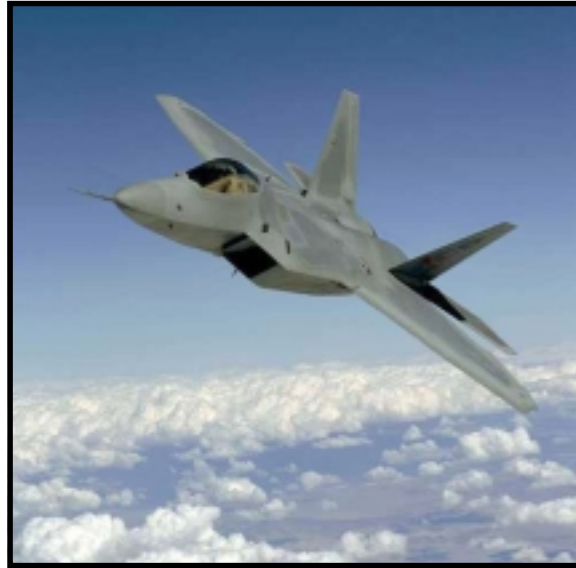
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ogy and other basic research. Navy funds would go to mine warfare and mine countermeasures, undersea systems and basic research. The Air Force would look at directed energy, aircraft propulsion and uses of space.

The department has canceled a number of programs and shifted almost \$10 billion to other projects. DoD ended programs it deemed out of line with transformation strategy. These include the Navy DD-21 destroyer and Theater Area Missile Defense programs, the Air Force Peacekeeper missile program and 18 Army "legacy" programs. The services would retire some older systems faster, such as older F-14 Tomcats, Vietnam-era UH-1 helicopters and the Navy's Spruance destroyer class.

Other highlights of the budget



The Air Force request funds 12 more C-17 airlifters, one E-8C Joint Surveillance Target Attack Radar System aircraft and 23 F-22 Raptor fighters.

request are:

The fiscal 2003 request includes \$707 million for the Army's Future Combat System. In addition, the Army would buy 332 interim armored vehicles and 5,631 M-16 rifles.

The request budgets \$910.2 million for continued development of the RAH-66 Comanche helicopter

The Navy shipbuilding request funds two DDG-51 Arleigh Burke-class destroyers, a Virginia-class attack submarine, an LPD-17 amphibious transport dock ship and a Lewis and Clark-class auxiliary dry cargo ship. The Navy would also buy 15 MH-60S helicopters, five E-2C Hawkeye aircraft and 44 F/A-18E/F Hornet fighters. The service will also continue with the EA-6B Prowler electronic surveillance and control craft modernization program.

The Air Force request funds 12 more C-17 airlifters, one E-8C Joint Surveillance Target Attack Radar System aircraft and 23 F-22 Raptor fighters. The budget also funds modernization programs for the B-2 Spirit bomber, the F-16 fighter-bomber and the F-15E multimission fighter.



Chief retires

Army Lt. Gen. Peter M. CuvIELlo (Left), director of Information Systems for Command, Control, Communications and Computers for the Army, presents the Legion of Merit to Army Chief Warrant Officer Jose L. Agosto, U.S. Southern Command J-6 Directorate, during a retirement ceremony Jan. 14 at the Thurman Building.

Agosto, who served the nation for more than 30 years, was joined by his wife Itzel, son Alex, and daughters Judy and Miriam. (Photo by Army Sgt. Lucy J. Pabon)

Pentagon construction ahead of schedule

By Rudi Williams
American Forces Press
Service

“Terrorist attacks can shake the foundations of our biggest buildings, but they cannot touch the foundation of America.”

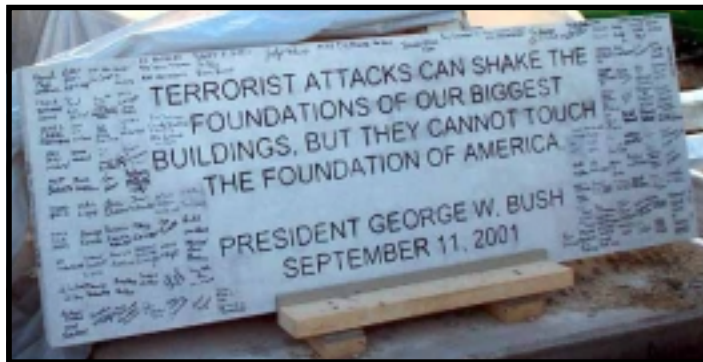
President George W. Bush
Sept. 11, 2001

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31, 2002 — Workers are ahead of schedule in repairing the huge hole sliced out of the Pentagon Sept. 11, 2001, by a

terrorist-hijacked airliner.

Brett D. Eaton, communications director of the Pentagon Renovation Program, said 100 to 200 employees a week have been able to return to the building as fast as workers rebuild sections. More than 1,000 employees so far are back from leased office space in surrounding communities, he said.

More than 24,000 military and civilian employees fill the Pentagon every workday. Thousands were displaced when



DoD photo by Rudi Williams

Renovation plans call for this engraved stone to be placed at the crash site during dedication ceremonies on Sept. 11, 2002. The same quarry that produced the stones to build the Pentagon 60 years ago is again providing stone for current reconstruction efforts. Quarry workers at the Byee Stone Company in Ellettsville, Ind., signed the stone in honor of those killed during the Sept. 11 attack.

the airliner slammed the ground, Eaton noted. “By the one-year

anniversary, Sept. 11, 2002, people will be able to look out of their office windows on the E Ring deck to watch; a dedication ceremony that the Army Corps of Engineers are planning for a memorial,” Eaton said.

Until about a month ago, crews were working around the clock, seven days a week, slowly knitting and weaving together the Pentagon’s broken wings.

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Now, they work 20 hours per day, six days a week, with Sundays off.

"This is fast-track-type work. We're working two 10-hour shifts, six days a week," said Keith Curtin, a construction superintendent. "We have many more people than you normally have on a job this size trying to get the work done as quickly as possible." About 700 workers are on site during the day and 300 at night, he noted.

Curtin and other workers started renovating the 60-year-old Pentagon wedge by wedge in 1997. They no sooner stepped



back to admire their first rebuilt wedge when the crashed airliner demol-

A workman helps piece together the area of the Pentagon damaged in the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attack on the building. Three of the five stories of the Pentagon wedge damaged during the attack have been rebuilt. More than 1,000 displaced defense personnel have returned to their desks from leased office space in local communities. (Photo by Rudi Williams)

ished it. The building withstood the attack as designed — strength and se-

curity features added to the renovated section are credited with saving many Pentagon workers' lives, he said.

Curtin said the goal now is to rebuild the wedge as quickly as possible."

Their deadline is Sept. 11, the first anniversary of the terrorist attack.

"I think I speak for the entire renovation program and all the contractors when I say how great a feeling it is to be a small part of rebuilding the nation's military headquarters," Eaton said. "It's a feeling of pride we all have for being able to contribute any way we can. Everyone here re-

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alizes they're a part of history. They're helping to rebuild a national icon."

Congress recently provided additional money to speed the entire Pentagon renovation project. The scheduled completion has moved up four years to 2010, Eaton noted.

When the outermost wall of the destroyed wedge is replaced, the Pentagon's exterior will look almost exactly as it did before the terrorist attack,

Eaton noted. The interior, once again, is being rebuilt with reinforced concrete and other safety and security measures that will make it stronger and more



modern than the rest of the building, he added.

The Pentagon cost \$50 million to build in the early 1940s. The total renovation cost now, including rebuild-



Above: Smoke and flames rise over the Pentagon after a hijacked airliner crashed into the building Sept. 11. (Photo by Jim Garamone)

Left: A worker at the Pentagon rebuilding site prepares a coil of rebar to reinforce concrete columns. Construction on the site is three weeks ahead of schedule. (Photo by Rudi Williams)

ing the damaged area a second time, is about \$3 billion. Once completely renovated, the Pentagon will have all new mechanical, electrical and plumbing

systems, elevators and escalators, cable management systems, improved fire and life safety systems and flexible ceiling, lighting and partition systems.

News briefs

Separating?

If you are within 180 days of separation or within one year of retirement, there is a mandatory pre-separation briefing 2:30 to p.m. March 8 and 22 at the Education Center at the Codina Building located at 8300 NW 33rd Street in Miami.

This briefing is a prerequisite for the four-day Transition Assistance Program workshops that are held quarterly (The next one is Monday-

Thursday). For more information, call Michela Barrow at **(305) 437-2665** or **2632**.

BX shuttle

The U.S. Southern Command runs a shuttle from the Thurman Building north entrance to the Homestead Air Reserve Station BX Mart every Tuesday at 8:30 a.m. and returns when all patrons are done shopping or conducting business, which is no later than 2:30 p.m. The shuttle is for all

military and civil service personnel. Family members can also utilize the shuttle to Homestead.

TAP workshop

The next transition assistance program workshop is April 22 through 25 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the La Quinta Hotel, 8730 NW 27th Street. For more information or to sign up call **(305) 437-2671** or **2726**.

Newcomers

The Family Support Center is spon-

soring a newcomers briefing 8:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. April 4 at the Base Operations Education Center located at the Codina Building, Suite 110, 8300 NW 33rd Street.

The briefing includes presentations from the TRICARE representative; SOUTHCOM Health Clinic; Housing Office; Traffic Management Office; Education Office; Legal Office; Quality of Life Office; Morale, Welfare, and Recreation; DoD Police; and

chaplain. For more information or to reserve your seat at the briefing, call **(305) 437-2667**.

Miami tour

The Family Support Center is sponsoring its monthly Miami area tour 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 22.

The tour is free to military personnel and their families. The tour begins and ends at the Codina Building, Suite 110,

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at 8300 NW 33 Street. For more information or to sign up, call **(305) 437-2665**.

Consumer class

The Family Support Center is sponsoring a Consumer Education class 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. March 21 at the Base Operations Education Center located at the Codina Building, Suite 110, 8300 NW 33rd Street.

For more information or to sign up for the class, call **(305) 437-2665**.

Tax information

The 1099-R forms for tax year 2001 will be

mailed to the home address on file with the Defense Finance and Accounting Service by Jan. 15, 2002 to all Department of Defense military retirees and annuitants.

Retirees or annuitants that did not get their 1099-Rs by Jan. 31, 2002, have questions about their 1099-R forms, or need to update



mailing addresses should contact DFAS at **(800) 321-1080**, Monday through Friday, between 7 and 7:30 a.m. Eastern Time.

Be prepared to provide social security number, date of retirement, and current mailing address.

Religious Affairs

Weekly service schedule

Tuesdays: Weekly Protestant Bible study is noon to 12:30 p.m. in the Main Conference Room, Room 1414.

Wednesdays: Weekly Inter-denominational Bible study and fellowship is from noon to 1 p.m. in Room 1401 or 1403.

Did you know?

The U.S. Southern
Command's Community
Hotline Number is
1-888-547-4025.



Honor Roll

New Major General

Congratulations to U.S. Southern Command Air Force Brig. Gen. Robert D. Bishop Jr., J-5 director, on his recent selection for promotion to the rank of major general.

New Army colonels

Congratulations to the following U.S. Southern Command Army lieutenant colonels on their recent selection for promotion to the rank of colonel:

- Peter Diaz, J-2
- Paul J. Flynn, J-5
- Joseph F. Napoli, SCCC
- David Abramowitz, J-3
- Hector E. Pagan, SOCSO

- Jorge L. Madera, SOCSO
- Jerry D. Zayas, Bolivia
- Mark S. Wilkins, Nicaragua

New Air Force colonels

Congratulations to the following U.S. Southern Command Air Force lieutenant colonels on their recent selection for promotion to the rank of colonel:

- Johnnie Seward, Jr., SJS
- Nancy Rice, SCCC
- David Mayer, SCJ3
- Thomas Breen, SCJ3

New lieutenant colonels

Congratulations to the following U.S. Southern Command Army and Air Force majors who were recently selected for promotion to the rank of lieutenant colonel:

Air Force

- Elizabeth Almeida, J-2
- Salvador Arango, JSSROC
- John Nicastrì, SOCSO
- Gary Gagliardi, J-3
- John Lopes, Brazil
- Marbel Roy, JTF-Bravo
- Rex Gibson, J-5
- Scot Shively, JIATFE (PCS)
- Anders Bergmann, Honduras (PCS)
- James Combs, JTF-Bravo (PCS)

Army

- Carlos Blanchard, SCJ3
- George Miranda, SCJ3
- Mary Padgett, SCEN
- Angel Perez, SCJ3
- Vicente Perez, SCJ5
- Andres Rivera, (PRANG)
- Wilfredo Rosario, SCJ3
- Clifford E. Scott, SCJ2

The president wants you

By Linda D. Kozaryn

American Forces Information
Service

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1, 2002 — Mentor a child. Serve your community. Be a volunteer. President George W. Bush wants all Americans to do their part to protect the American homeland.

"Stand up to evil with acts of goodness and kindness," the president said Jan. 30 at a town hall meeting in Winston-Sa-



White House photo by Eric Draper

President George W. Bush calls on Americans to join USA Freedom Corps during his State of the Union address before a joint session of Congress Jan. 29.

lem, N.C. "Not only will our country be better, but we'll show the world that universal values must be respected and must be adhered to. As a result, the world will be more

peaceful."

Bush echoed a call to action he'd made the night before in his State of the Union address. Like Uncle Sam's quest for military recruits,

President Bush aims to recruit civilians into the USA Freedom Corps in an effort to capitalize on to the patriotism and spirit of unity generated by the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

"The people we fight are evil people," Bush said in North Carolina. "They have no regard for human life. They believe in tyranny. ... Imagine a society where women are brutalized, children aren't educated, young girls have no chance of getting an education. It is a barbaric point of view."

The U.S. military is doing its part to fight terrorism. Now, he said,

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it's time for the American public to do its share. You overcome evil, Bush said, "by doing something to help somebody." Millions of acts of kindness and decency, he said, make up the collective soul of the country, "a nation of heart, a nation that cares, a nation of fine, fine people."

The new USA Freedom Corps will focus on responding to crises at home, rebuilding communities and extending

American compassion throughout the world, according to White House officials. They said the 2003 budget request includes more than \$560 million for the program.

"America is no longer protected by our vast oceans," the president said at the Capitol Jan. 29. "We are protected only by vigorous action abroad and increased vigi-

lance at home." Along with the government's efforts, the nation's security will "depend on the eyes and ears of alert citizens."

"My call tonight," the president told the nation, "is for every American to commit at least two years — 4,000 hours over the rest of your lifetime — to the service of your neighbors and

your nation."

Bush said the nation needs retired doctors and nurses, ex-policeman and ex-firefighters who can be mobilized in major emergencies. Volunteers are also needed to help police and fire departments and transportation and utility workers.

White House officials said the initiative involves creating a Citizen

Corps to engage citizens directly in improving homeland security. This would include creating a Medical Reserve Corps, a Volunteers in Police Service program and a Terrorist Information and Prevention system.

The president has proposed tripling over the next two years the number of Americans enrolled in Community Emergency Response Teams. His plan will also double the number

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of Neighborhood Watch programs.

The initiative also calls for expanding the AmeriCorps and Senior Corps programs to engage 200,000 new volunteers in community service. It also calls for doubling the number of volunteers in the Peace Corps program over the next five years, with specific efforts aimed at rebuilding Afghanistan.

"These are the ways you can help," the president concluded in North Carolina. "These are the ways you can be a part of serving the nation."

Closing his recruiting

pitch in North Carolina, he said, "If you want to find out how you can join



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Spc. Robert Turner



Service: U.S. Army

Organization:

J-1 Manpower and Personnel Directorate

Duty title: Executive assistant
NCO

Time in service: 5 years

Hometown: Pinson, Ala.

Hobbies: Sports, fishing, going to movies, Listening to country

music, going to country music concerts

Favorite duty station: Fort Bragg, N.C.

Career highlights: Graduating from Primary Leadership Development Course, and meeting Sergeant Maj. of the Army Jack L. Tilley

Senior Airman Christina L. Rosier



Service: U.S. Air Force Reserve

Organization: J-6 Command, Control, Communications, and Computer Systems Directorate

Duty title: Administrative assistant

Time in service: 3 years

Hometown: Homestead, Fla.

Hobbies: Reading, roller blading, biking, fishing, hunting, and huge hockey and NASCAR fan. "Go Rusty Wallace!"

Favorite duty station: Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio

Career highlights: Airman of the quarter two times; receiving incentive flight in an F-16 Falcon at Homestead Air Reserve Station; and qualifying to teach hazardous materials course at Homestead

Cuban sunset

The sun sets recently on Guantanamo Bay Naval Station, Cuba where Joint Task Force 160 is managing the internment at Camp X-Ray of 300 detainees from the global war on terrorism.
(Photo by Navy Chief Petty Officer Gabe Puello)

